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APPLICANTS: SENOO, ET AL. ATTY DOCKET NO. P98,1703
SERIAL NO. 09/162,992 GROUP ART UNIT: 1745
FILING DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 EXAMINER: WEINER
INVENTION: "GEL ELECTRODE SECONDARY CELL"

AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is in response to the Official Action, mailed March 24, 2000.

THE OFFICIAL ACTION SUMMARIZED

Claims 1-10 are pending herein. In the above identified Official Action, the title of the invention was objected to as being "nondescriptive".

In regard to §112, claim 4 was rejected for indefiniteness because of a typographical error which should have set forth the ratio - - 5:95 to 30:70 - - rather than "5.95 to 30:70" (see specification, page 14, line 12).

In regard to rejections over the art, claims 1-5 and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being anticipated by or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Akashi (EP 0 724 305 A1).

In addition, claims 1 and 8-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Nakane et al. (EP 0 845 824 A1).

Additionally, claims 1-5 and 7-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being

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